

REMARKS

In the present paper, Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1-10; 12-17 have been amended for purposes of correcting minor grammatical issues and to correct other formalities not related to patentability.

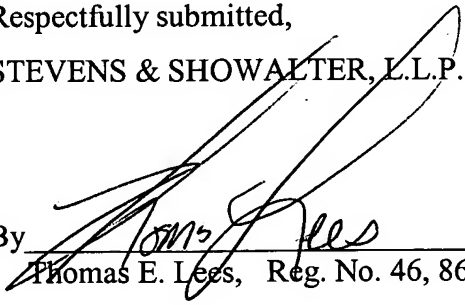
The specification has been amended herein to include appropriate section headings. No new matter has been added.

The Abstract has been canceled and a replacement abstract on a separate page is presented herein.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the applicants respectfully submit that the above claims recite allowable subject matter. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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